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TO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO

1. WHEN MARC LALONDE, MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE, VISITED ME IN JUNE, HE INVITED ME TO VISIT OTTAWA TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CANADIAN NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE DELIVERY. I AM SENDING HIM A LETTER, VIA THE EMBASSY, ACCEPTING THIS INVITATION, AND SUGGESTING THAT I BE IN OTTAWA SEPTEMBER 13 AND 14, IF CONVENIENT FOR LALONDE. I PLAN TO BRING WITH ME ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH JULIUS RICHMOND AND OTHER HEW OFFICIALS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF HEALTH INSURANCE SYSTEMS--PROBABLY SEVEN PEOPLE IN ALL. DURING MY VISIT, I WOULD LIKE TO CONCENTRATE ON REVIEWING AND DISCUSSING THE CANADIAN HEALTH INSURANCE SYSTEM, INCLUDING RESPECTIVE NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ROLES, AND AVOID TIME-CONSUMING PROTOCOL OR

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SOCIAL FUNCTIONS IF POSSIBLE. I WILL APPRECIATE FACILITATIVE SERVICES ASSISTANCE FROM THE EMBASSY, SUCH AS TRANSPORTATION FROM AND TO AIRPORT, AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS. EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED OF PLANE FLIGHT NUMBERS AND ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIME WHEN THESE ARE FIRM.

2. I HAVE ASKED TWO OF MY AIDES TO VISIT OTTAWA IN AUGUST TO MAKE ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS TRIP, IN COOPERATION WITH THE EMBASSY. THESE OFFICIALS ARE MR. THOMAS L. JOHNS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, HEW, AND DR. MICHAEL MCGINNIS, CONSULTANT TO THE SECRETARY. THEY PLAN TO ARRIVE IN OTTAWA ON AUGUST 8 AND DEPART ON AUGUST 12. MR. JOHNS WILL BE CONCERNED WITH LOGISTICAL AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND DR. MCGINNIS WITH ARRANGING THE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. MCGINNIS WILL WISH TO CONFIRM OR IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE CANADIAN OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE SHOULD MEET, AND FOR THIS PURPOSE PLANS TO HAVE APPOINTMENTS WITH THESE OFFICIALS DURING HIS ADVANCE VISIT. INFORMATION ON PLANE FLIGHT NUMBERS AND TIMES FOR JOHNS AND MCGINNIS WILL BE SENT EMBASSY IN NEAR FUTURE, ALONG WITH NAMES OF OFFICIALS MCGINNIS WANTS TO SEE. HOWEVER, I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR SUGGESTIONS OF SUITABLE OFFICIALS, AND, WHEN LIST IS FIRM, HEW MAY REQUEST EMBASSY ASSISTANCE TO JOHNS AND MCGINNIS IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS AND POSSIBLY IN OTHER RESPECTS.

3. I HOPE THESE PLANS WILL NOT UNDULY BURDEN YOUR STAFF, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN OTTAWA.

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